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TOPIC: PMSEIC

REFERENCE: Written Question – Senator Colbeck

QUESTION No.: BI-134

Senator COLBECK: At what time and on what date was an apology from the Prime Minister and/or her office about her non-attendance at the PMSEIC meeting of 4 February 2011 received by the Executive Officer of PMSEIC?

ANSWER

The Prime Minister's Office called the Chief Scientist around 3.00pm on Thursday 3 February 2011 to discuss the Prime Minister's inability to attend the PMSEIC meeting of 4 February 2011.

The Prime Minister telephoned the Chief Scientist directly around 5.30pm on Thursday 3 February 2011 to personally convey her apologies.

A letter of apology from the Prime Minister was provided to all PMSEIC members at the PMSEIC meeting on Friday 4 February 2011.